

Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB547

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Comstock

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Local school divisions; unexpended state funds.

5. Summary: Provides that local school divisions may elect to use any unexpended state funds to provide a one-time bonus to all teachers of up to three percent of the annual base salary.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would prohibit the reversion of unexpended state funds for public education in any year in any school division back to the Commonwealth if a school division elects to provide a one-time bonus to all teachers of up to three percent of the annual base salary.

Pursuant to Item 132, paragraph B.24. of Chapter 890, 2011 Acts of Assembly, school divisions are permitted to carry over into FY 2013 any remaining state Direct Aid to Public Education fund balances available in FY 2012, providing that the locality has met its required local effort for the Standards of Quality (SOQ) accounts for FY 2012 and the required local match for any incentive or Lottery-funded programs in which the locality elected to participate in FY 2012. Similar language is also included in the Governor's introduced budget for the 2012-2014 biennium that permits school divisions to carry over such balances from FY 2013 to FY 2014 and from FY 2014 to FY 2015. Therefore, this legislation will not have a fiscal impact.

It is assumed that one-time bonuses awarded to teachers as a result of this legislation will not be included in the SOQ rebenchmarking calculations for future biennia so there would be no impact on prevailing salaries.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education and local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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